

CHAPTER 2.1.2.

INFECTIOUS HAEMATOPOIETIC NECROSIS

Article 2.1.2.1.

For the purposes of this *Aquatic Code*, ~~epizootic~~ **infectious** haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) means infection with IHN virus (IHNV) of the genus *Novirhabdovirus* of the family Rhabdoviridae.

Methods for surveillance and diagnosis are provided in the *Aquatic Manual*.

Comment: the correct name of the pathogen is infectious haematopoietic necrosis.

Article 2.1.2.2.

Susceptible species

For the purposes of this *Aquatic Code*, *susceptible species* for IHN are: rainbow ~~trout~~ or steelhead ~~trout~~ (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), the Pacific salmon species [chinook (*O. tshawytscha*), sockeye (*O. nerka*), chum (*O. keta*), masou (*O. masou*), pink (*O. rhodurus*) and coho (*O. kisutch*)], and Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

Suspect cases of natural infection with IHNV in species other than those listed in this Article should be referred immediately to the appropriate OIE Reference Laboratory, whether or not clinical signs are associated with the findings.

Comment: The common names for *Oncorhynchus mykiss* are properly referred to as rainbow trout or steelhead.

Article 2.1.2.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising import or transit of the following *commodities*, *Competent Authorities* should not require any IHN related conditions, regardless of the IHN status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*:
 - a) ...
 - b) The following products destined for human consumption¹ from species in Article 2.1.2.2 which have been prepared in such a way to minimise the risk of diversion for alternative uses:
 - i) ~~Chemically~~ **Preserved** products (e.g. smoked, salted, pickled, marinated, etc ...);
 - ii) ...
 - iii) ...
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- iv) ...
- v) ...

Rationale: Smoking and freeze drying are physical (not chemical) processes.

Articles 2.1.2.7 and 2.1.2.10

The sentence in each of these articles which reads:

“The certificate ~~shall~~**should** be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Appendix 6.3.2..”

Comment: Recommend replacing the word “shall” with “should” as it is a more appropriate term when referring to a recommended procedure.